

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SB 5998

As Reported By House Committee On:
Government Administration

Title: An act relating to the state cosmetology, barbering, esthetics, and manicuring advisory board.

Brief Description: Restructuring the state cosmetology, barbering, esthetics, and manicuring advisory board.

Sponsors: Senator Haugen.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Government Administration: 4/2/97, 4/4/97 [DP].

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 13 members: Representatives D. Schmidt, Chairman; D. Sommers, Vice Chairman; Scott, Ranking Minority Member; Gardner, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Doumit; Dunn; Dunshee; Murray; Reams; Smith; L. Thomas; Wensman and Wolfe.

Staff: Bill Lynch (786-7092).

Background: The director of the Department of Licensing regulates the professions of cosmetology, barbering, esthetics, and manicuring.

A seven-member advisory board also exists with the responsibility, as of June 30, 1995, to conduct a thorough review of the educational and licensing requirements for these professions as well as the applicable enforcement and health standards. This review is conducted together with the director of the Department of Licensing or his or her designee. Reporting to the Governor, director, and Legislature is required, including any recommendations for legislation reforming and restructuring the regulation of these professions.

The advisory board ceases to exist on or about June 30, 1997.

Summary of Bill: The membership of the state cosmetology, barbering, esthetics, and manicuring advisory board is increased by two members appointed by the director

of the Department of Licensing. Both must be experienced members of the professions, one having chain salon supervisory experience and the other having salon and school experience.

The existence of the advisory board is extended one year to June 30, 1998. All members of the board are eligible to be reappointed if the existence of the board is any further extended.

The advisory board is given authority to request the advice of officials from the Work Force Training and Education Coordinating Board, Department of Employment Security, Department of Labor and Industries, Department of Health, Department of Licensing, and the Department of Revenue.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: This Legislature was unrealistic when it established the original deadline. The boards have established apprenticeship programs in place. These occupations are important because many people who are on welfare are trained into them. An additional year will allow the advisory board to complete its task.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Senator Haugen, prime sponsor; Kay Hirai, Chairman, Cosmetology Board; Noreen Bowden, Washington State Cosmetology Apprenticeship Committee; and Berry Crosby.